

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to serving those in society who lack the ability to care for themselves without special, loving assistance; and

Whereas, the Productive Living Board for Saint Louis County Citizens with Developmental Disabilities was established in 1979 when Saint Louis County voters passed a property tax levy to develop services and supports for area residents with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Productive Living Board will celebrate its Twenty-fifth Anniversary through a festive gathering of colleagues and supporters on Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Clayton Parks and Recreation in Clayton, Missouri; and

Whereas, the current tax rate of 8.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation generates approximately \$15 million annually for use by the Productive Living Board in meeting the needs of its constituents; and

Whereas, during fiscal year 2003 the Productive Living Board contracted with fifty different agencies to provide services to more than 4,500 individuals with wide-ranging developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Productive Living Board admirably takes as its mission to provide a planned program of residential and vocational services for Saint Louis County citizens with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Productive Living Board promotes community participation and positive community relations, does not duplicate the mandates of other public agencies, and complies with the mandates for assistance to persons with developmental disabilities in accordance with Missouri statutes:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, ongoing legacy of service provided by the Productive Living Board to those with developmental disabilities in the Saint Louis area and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as they celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their esteemed organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Productive Living Board of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1129, adopted March 16, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker